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PALATKA, FLORIDA

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NEWMAN DISCHARGED BY JUDGE HILBURN

On Writ of Habeas Corpus—Killed Hunter in Self-Defense

And was Clearly Within his Rights—State Offered no New Material Evidence.

Before Judge S. J. Hilburn of the circuit court on Wednesday afternoon, William J. Newman of Crescent City, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff C. J. Hunter of that place on the evening of June 19th, was discharged from custody because of the entire lack of evidence to substantiate the charge. Instead of being held, Newman was declared to have been clearly within his rights in defending himself, even to the killing of the man whom it was shown had assaulted him and who at the time of the killing had Newman covered with his pistol.

There was a large crowd present at the hearing, interest in the case, especially at Crescent City, where both men lived and were well-known, drawing a large number from that place.

Mrs. Hunter widow of the dead officer, her son and daughter, were among the spectators. The deep mourning of the ladies tended to excite the sympathy of the crowd, for Mr. Hunter was a man well-known and esteemed in Palatka.

Mrs. Newman, wife of the man charged with the killing, was also present with her little three year old daughter—a sweet and innocent little child who could have no understanding of the awful significance of her father's detention from home. She ran about the court room and at one time ran to and sat upon her father's lap. Other relatives of Mr. Newman were also present.

Several witnesses for the State were examined, but nothing new, or material, was adduced. Then followed the examination of several witnesses for the defense together with the testimony of the accused. Two witnesses for the defense men who had not previously testified, either at the inquest, or at the preliminary hearing last Friday, swore that in the encounter Mr. Hunter was the first to fire. The metal knuckles found near where Mr. Hunter's body was, and which were discovered some time after the body had been removed, played a conspicuous part in the hearing, and though Mrs. Hunter swore that her husband did not own a pair of knuckles nor carry them among his weapons, one witness, a Mr. Sykes swore that on one occasion about a year ago, he saw Mr. Hunter with a pair.

Mr. Newman's statement was clear, and except in one instance there was no opportunity to make a point against him in the cross-examination. His statement made a good impression.

At the close of the testimony J. V. Walton, Esq., counsel for the defendant, arose for the purpose of addressing the Court, when Judge Hilburn said:

"Just wait a moment Mr. Walton. Mr. State Attorney, I want to hear from you. Tell me whether, under the facts as disclosed in this case, you would have any hope of securing a conviction of this defendant or even an indictment?"

Mr. Calhoun said: "Your honor, I want to be fair in this matter, and as your honor has asked me this question, I feel that I must answer you frankly. So far as I am concerned, I am unable to see where it would be possible to secure a conviction of this defendant, and I do not believe that a grand jury would indict him. However, I have associate counsel who is assisting the state in this prosecution and I would like a few minutes to confer with him."

Judge Hilburn said: "Very well; think it over carefully and if you can point out anything to this court that would warrant a conviction, I shall hold the defendant, otherwise, he should be discharged. Let it be understood that if there is any testimony here, admitting it to be true, upon which a jury could lawfully convict, and you can point it out to me, I will hold the defendant. It is not my province to pass on the credibility of the witnesses, or the weight and sufficiency of the evidence. That would be the province of the jury. I shall only consider a discharge of the defendant on the ground that there is no testimony here admitting it to be true upon which a lawful conviction could be based."

Mr. Calhoun and Col. Graham, associate counsel for the State, then conferred and a few moments later Mr. Calhoun announced to the court that he had nothing further to say. Whereupon Judge Hilburn made the following statement:

"Gentlemen: It appears to me from the facts of this case, established by the state's witnesses, that this is a clear case of self-defense and that the defendant was justified under the circumstances, and as it may be, in taking the life of the deceased. All of the witnesses agree on the essential facts. All agree that the defendant, on the night of the tragedy, went to a drug store to get a bottle of Castoria for a sick child; that as he came out of the store, the deceased struck the defendant, knocking him nearly to the ground; pulled his pistol, pointing it at the defendant while the defendant was dodging and moving away; that the defendant retreated some thirty or forty feet, the deceased following him with a gun aimed at him, whereupon, the defend-

PALATKA PREPARING FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Of Independence Day next Monday—Big Crowds Promised.

From all indications the Independence day celebration in this city next Monday bids fair to be a record breaker in point of attendance. The smaller towns of the county are going to send big delegations and many people in the country districts from all parts of the county are coming. This is the "tip" that comes to The News from visitors from all sections who have been here this week.

The committee in charge of the entertainment have all plans perfected and nothing now remains but the shouting. And a Putnam county crowd can shout when furnished the occasion. The committee will see to this.

The program has been published. There is nothing more to do but to reiterate the invitation of the people of Palatka: "Come and enjoy yourselves; the city is yours for the day."

Delinquent Tax Sale.

The sale of lands for delinquent taxes will take place at the Putnam county court house next Monday, July 5th.

The list as advertised is the largest this county has presented in some years. If course since the advertisement began to appear some weeks ago, many have liquidated the claims against them. But an immense number of pieces of real estate will be sold at this public sale. The News would suggest that if you contemplate purchasing that you look well into the matter before you buy. The editor knows of one man who always pays his taxes promptly as he does his every obligation, whose place is advertised in this list of delinquents, and the man who buys will hold nothing but a piece of paper.

ant drew his gun and two shots were fired by the deceased and four by the defendant, resulting in the death of the deceased. The defendant insists that he was struck with knuckles, and sometime after the tragedy, perhaps nearly an hour, a pair of knuckles were found at the place the deceased fell. No one says deceased did not use knuckles on this occasion, but whether he used knuckles or not, makes little difference so far as the right of the defendant to defend himself is concerned, because the difficulty was commenced by the deceased and before the defendant drew his revolver, deceased was pointing his revolver at the defendant. Of course, a loaded revolver is a deadly weapon. All of the eye witnesses to the tragedy agree that before the defendant got his gun, or attempted to get it, deceased had his gun out directed at the defendant. Some of the witnesses say that the deceased fired the first shot which struck the bottle of Castoria which the defendant had in his hand. Others say that the defendant fired the first shot. Other eye witnesses say that the shooting came in such succession and lasted such a short time that it was impossible for them to say who fired the first shot. It makes little difference, so far as the right of the defendant to defend himself is concerned, who fired the first shot, because the defendant had been assaulted and he had the right to believe when the deceased drew his pistol and pointed it at him that the deceased intended to shoot, and if he did so believe, the defendant had the right to shoot and to take human life in order to save his own life or to protect himself from great bodily harm. In view of the fact that this tragedy was witnessed by a great number of reputable citizens, and in view of the fact that practically all of the witnesses agreed on all of the essentials, I see no chance for a development of any subsequent facts, that would change the situation. It is quite clear that the defendant could not be lawfully convicted under the facts and circumstances disclosed by the witnesses. I commend the officers for their prompt and efficient work in investigating this tragedy, and I find no fault with the coroner's jury or the justice of the peace who bound the defendant over to await the action of the Circuit Court. It is always best for them to go act in a tragedy like this, where they are in doubt as to what they should do, and especially when such action is taken before a complete investigation has been made.

"The deceased was a personal friend of mine, and I thought a great deal of him. He was a splendid man, and a good citizen. He must have been greatly disturbed and worried for some cause, which perhaps we shall never know. Just what the condition of his mind was at the time, we shall never know. If the testimony were not conclusive as to his conduct on the occasion of the tragedy, it would be difficult for me to believe that he acted as the testimony of all the witnesses show he did act. Some say that they do not believe the deceased ever intended to kill the defendant. This, perhaps, due to the good name and reputation that he had. But whether he did intend to kill or not, his acts were such as to justify the defendant in the belief that he did intend to kill. To me this is a very sad case, as both parties were good men, and gloom and distress has been brought to the relatives and friends of both parties.

"Gentlemen, my duty is very clear to me in this case. It becomes my duty under the law to discharge the defendant and an order will be made accordingly."

SECRETARY PALATKA ASSOC'D CHARITIES

Urges Charitable to Work Through that Organization.

The secretary of the Palatka Associated Charities, an organization having its headquarters in the board of trade rooms, has issued the following plea in behalf of the organization and warning citizens against duplication and attempts of the unworthy:

The demands upon charity are so great and come in such varied forms from those who are in urgent need, which, at these trying times, when almost every person is having all he can do to give his attention to his own interests, it is hard to decide how to act; for no one desires to refuse any solicitation for the help of the needy. Yet how often many will subscribe to a list for relief, with fears and hesitation, not wanting to deprive any one of the help he may give, and because it is the easiest way for one to do, although we have no personal knowledge of the case in question.

It is not the intention of this article to criticize or question or interfere with any person or persons in their manner of giving, or their forms of charity, but the Associated Charities was organized for the purpose of overcoming the duplicating and overlapping of assistance for and to the same particular case of need, and as the association has come in contact with a couple of instances, during the past few days, a family or two for whom the association were straining their resources to relieve, have been solicited for by subscription, and a number of merchants and individuals responding freely, partly because of the misleading statement of their "being in dire need and ill," when the association had just cared for the needs of these particular cases.

The association don't claim to be all it would like to be, but it has a good investigating committee who try to put themselves in personal touch with every case brought to its attention, and make an effort to see that each have some relief. It was the conclusion at the convention of the Charitable Association at Baltimore recently, that organized charity was more effective in reaching those in most need, therefore, the associated charities would ask merchants and all for their co-operation. If you are appealed to with a sub-

Mrs. Thorpe Gives Farewell.

Mrs. F. L. Thorpe entertained the Philathea class of the Presbyterian church at her home Monday night as a farewell to Mrs. Julia McIntosh, the teacher, who left for Canada on Wednesday. Some of the class were unable to be there, but those who were present were Mesdames Julia McIntosh, H. M. de Montmolin, W. McKillip, guest, Robert S. O'Haver, and Misses Mary Alice Eaton, Elizabeth Dougherty, Blanche Lyons, Katie Barstow, Julia Melver, Lucy and Irene Gardner, and Grizella Merrill. The evening was pleasantly spent in social diversions, music and conversation. Punch was served. The class picture was presented to Mrs. McIntosh as a memento of the young ladies who regret having their beloved teacher leave them. As yet no teacher has been selected to take her place.

'Nother Camphor Farm, Perhaps.

The one great camphor farm in Florida is located at Satsuma Heights, this county. If there is another in the State The Palatka News hasn't heard of it.

But another big camphor farm in this county is among the prospects.

Secretary Elliott of the Palatka board of trade has been in communication with a capitalist in the north who is making inquiries concerning lands, etc., and who says he is thinking seriously of embarking in the business; that he has made inquiries into the marketing of the product, and that all he needs now to know is the cost of lands and other matters concerning its production.

You can trust the secretary of the board of trade to land the industry if there is one chance in the world of its being landed. He is a fisher for men—men who have money to build up this section—and his hook is always baited with truth in the form of conservative statements and a string of reasons for the faith that is in him.

scription paper for some one in need and distress, someone you know nothing about but wish to add your contribution to the relief, let the association's investigating committee carry your relief to all needy cases. If you have any individual cases you are trying to assist alone, let the association know of them, for it is giving relief with foodstuff, clothing shoes and medicines, and is trying hard to see that none go without assistance, and have, by the generous donations and help of merchants and citizens, been enabled to do good work in reaching many cases, and desire that all should understand its work and methods and co-operate.

Zip! Bang!! Bing!!!

Hurrah For The Glorious Fourth!

There will be something doing all the time at the "BIG STORE" on the corner.

Come in and make yourself AT HOME. We have a KEG OF ICE COLD WATER for our thirsty COUNTRY FRIENDS and plenty of chairs and resting places for the TIRED ONES—and anything that a MAN or BOY wears.

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